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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

IN RE: Bard IVC Filters Products Liability  
 Litigation

MDL NO. 15-02641-PHX-DGC

**DEFENDANTS C. R. BARD, INC.’S  
 AND BARD PERIPHERAL  
 VASCULAR, INC.’S ANSWER AND  
 GENERAL DENIAL IN RESPONSE  
 TO AMENDED COMPLAINT IN  
 CASE NO. CV-17-01918-PHX-DGC;  
 JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

Defendants C. R. Bard, Inc. (“Bard”) and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. (“BPV”) (Bard and BPV are collectively “Defendants”) hereby file this Answer and General Denial in response to the Amended Complaint served on Defendants in *Stephen Nitzsche, et al. v. C. R. Bard, Inc., et al.*, AZ Member Case No. CV-17-01918-PHX-DGC (“Answer and General Denial”). Defendants further reserve the right to file any motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim with respect to this case, as set forth in Amended Case Management Order No. 4.

1 With respect to the allegations plaintiff(s) raise in *Stephen Nitzsche, et al. v. C. R.*  
 2 *Bard, Inc., et al.*, AZ Member Case No. CV-17-01918-PHX-DGC, Defendants deny,  
 3 generally and specifically, each and every allegation in plaintiff(s)' Complaint, the whole  
 4 thereof, and each and every cause of action therein. Defendants further deny that the  
 5 plaintiff(s) has sustained, or is entitled to recover, damages in any amount alleged or in any  
 6 sum whatsoever. Defendants further deny that they are liable to the plaintiff in any amount,  
 7 and further deny that the plaintiff has sustained injury, damage, or loss by reason of any act or  
 8 omission by Defendants.

9 As for additional defenses, and without assuming any burden of pleading or proof that  
 10 would otherwise rest on plaintiff(s), Defendants incorporate by reference the responses and  
 11 Affirmative Defenses set forth in Defendants' Answer to Plaintiffs' Master Complaint filed in  
 12 MDL 2641 on December 17, 2015 (Doc. 366). Defendants further reserve the right to raise  
 13 such other affirmative defenses as may be available or apparent during discovery or as may  
 14 be raised or asserted by other defendants in this case. Defendants have not knowingly or  
 15 intentionally waived any applicable affirmative defense. If it appears that any affirmative  
 16 defense is or may be applicable after Defendants have had the opportunity to conduct  
 17 reasonable discovery in this matter, Defendants will assert such affirmative defense in  
 18 accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

### 19 **REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL**

20 Defendants C. R. Bard, Inc. and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. demand a trial by jury  
 21 on all issues appropriate for jury determination.

22 **WHEREFORE**, Defendants aver that the plaintiff(s) is/are not entitled to the relief  
 23 demanded in the plaintiff(s)' Complaint, and these Defendants, having fully answered, pray  
 24 that this action against them be dismissed and that they be awarded their costs in defending  
 25 this action and that they be granted such other and further relief as the Court deems just and  
 26 appropriate.

1 This 12th day of September, 2017.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on September 12, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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